

Integrated Planning Cell

February 9, 2022

Start time: 1600hrs

Location: NOC, RCMP GHQ

ATTENDEES:

- PARDY, Carson – Chief Superintendent, OPP
- ABRAMS, Craig – Superintendent, OPP
- MORRIS, Pat – Superintendent, OPP
- FRANCIS, Mike – A/Superintendent, OPP
- COLLINS, Brad – D/Inspector, OPP
- TAYLOR, Brad – Emergency Management Unit Planner, OPP
- LEU, Phil – Superintendent, RCMP
- TETREAUULT, Darwin – Sergeant, RCMP
- SKINNER, Tim – Inspector, York Regional Police
- DUFFY, Arlene – Sergeant, Toronto Police Service
- ETHIER, Isabelle – Planner, Toronto Police Service

- LEONARD, Valerie – RCMP Scribe
- MCKENNEY, Toni – OPP Scribe

Minutes:

1636hrs

Briefing

Superintendent PARDY

- Update on meeting with OPS was provided to Commissioner and Deputy – blunt and honest.
- We were given a breakdown of resources – not what was committed to last evening.
- Chief SLOLY got emotional with some questions about certain people at the Ministry level not supporting his request for resources, while complimenting Chiefs of Police and Commissioners for being supportive.
- He believes Ottawa will be the one to change the tide. “If you cut off the head of the hydra here in Ottawa you will not have to use any force anywhere else in the country, they will just dissipate.”
- We can’t lose sight of the mission we’ve been sent here to do – develop a plan to support that need with Ottawa PS.
- Explained the brilliance of a tactical plan given by SME – gives us time to prepare, additional time for negotiations to run their course and an exit plan for those who want to leave.
- Notwithstanding, we’re here representing our respective organizations. We don’t want to see anyone get hurt. It’s very clear from what we hear today, they are resolved to end it now.
- OPP will supply the POU OPS is asking for, but Commanders have the power to determine whether or not the plan is actionable.
- Asking for 178 per shift.
- FRANCIS asks – what structure to build this around? There’s no structure to build around it.
 - o OPP has 60 officers front line here.
 - o POU requests are to be filtered through here for the requests. OPS is still going direct to POU commanders to seek resources.
- We will staff for Maintenance of their plan. Rough count of traffic points – doesn’t add up to very many people.

- Why 3 shifts? Is 3 shifts an opportunity to get more bodies? If you can manage 178 bodies per shift, what is that 3rd shift giving us?
- The commitment has been to help. The commitment has not been 1800 extra bodies.
- Police leaders have to address policing in their own jurisdiction – Windsor mayor asking for province and feds for resources to be deployed there.
- What happens here will have an impact, but it's not what the Chief believes.
- Suggested we could probably make significant inroads with solidifying an exit plan in the next few days, but we are not running this.
- Command Structure is focused on a direct action plan. No answers to how to maintain Rideau and Sussex after we get 38 tractors out there, if we can even get them out.

Superintendent LEU advises:

- RCMP bosses has gone to talk to the RCMP Commissioner. 250 more RCMP hit the ground tomorrow – zero knowledge of what they're supposed to do. He advised he would not let any RCMP member participate in this at all.
- Someone is going to get hurt – it's a recipe for disaster.
- What we don't want is our brothers and sisters in blue to do this without support and get hurt. We need to give TAC and POU commanders that say. If the plan is not safe, we don't action. We do not participate until it is safe.
- When other places spark up, we won't have anyone to go.
- Chief SLOLY wants everyone in this room underneath his planners.
- OPP has authorized standby pay to anyone that's deployed.
- Discussions about having RCMP members' leave cancelled and being on standby. Depending what happens here in Ottawa will have ripple effects throughout the country.
- INSP. SKINNER - need to plan jointly – with all these issues, if we're going to provide the resources, we should be providing tactical advice. We need to remain a provincial level planning group. Access to resources comes through us and we do not report to you. Otherwise our position is untenable. We need to be the buffer between all of our Chiefs. It's a provincial, if not national level incident.
- Skeleton of a plan is not much to build on. SKINNER believes there's a different plan than what they gave us – this is just the redacted plan.
- Resource plan is concerning – the 4th stage of the plan has evidence collection in it, it should be in the 1st stage. TAYLOR points out they're not asking for PLT, just POU.
- Plan has no hard-tac contingency – there is no posture – hard tac? Soft tac? 3 sections – two to deal with people, one to control the perimeter. Peel, London, OPP and OPS. OPP section is 10-8 for a briefing at 0400hrs.
- Moving forward – the plan we've been given doesn't account for that many people. OPS is looking for 600 officers on the weekend. It will be a provincial mobilization. Sweetening the pot a little bit with the on call pay – 24 hrs a day.

- FRANCIS - Why do it when they're starting to surge in time for the weekend? Wait until Monday or Tuesday.
- ABRAMS - One day shift, RCMP and OPP included, 109 – some are traffic, some are traffic static points, some are QRT, some are fuel protection.

Meeting adjourned at 1820 hrs.

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